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Re Application of: Walter B. Hill, Jr. et al.	)	Docket No.: 3597-127
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Application No.: 09/996,516	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: November 29, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 3529
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Group Art Unit: 1731	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: PAPERMAKING PROCESS USING ENZYME-TREATED SLUDGE, AND PRODUCTS

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after expiration of the three-month period following filing of the above-captioned application but before any Office Action on the merits and before any Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in this application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

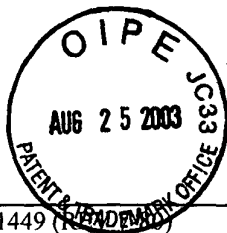
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if it is determined that a petition or fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925.

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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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